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EXDIS , FOR HOLBROOKE FROM GLEYSTEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FUKUDA, TAKEO)

SUBJECT: FUKUDA VISIT

1. FIRST DAY OF FUKUDA VISIT WENT EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.
BREAKFAST MEETING WITH ECONOMIC CABINET OFFICERS TURNED OUT
TO BE CRISP AND STRUCTURED EXCHANGE OF BASIC POSITIONS.
FUKUDA EXPLAINED IN FAMILIAR TERMS HIS DETERMINATION TO
REACH 7 PERCENT GROWTH TARGET, STIMULATE IMPORTS, AND
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GROWTH AND INFLATION; STRAUSS ON TRADE (BETTER MTN OFFER
NEEDED); SCHLESINGER ON PROSPECTS FOR ENERGY BILL (SOON,
MAYBE); KREPS ON NEED FOR NEW EXPORT POLICY(WITH STRONG
PLUG FOR TFC); BLUMENTHAL ON MONETARY POLICY (WORK ON

FUNDAMENTALS--NO INTERVENTION TO PEG EXCHANGE RATES). ALL PARTICIPANTS HAPPY WITH MEETING AND DELIGHTED AT ITS ORDERLINESS.

2. VANCE MEETING WITH SONODA FOCUSSED ON POLICY TOWARD ASIA IN TERMS FUKUDA USED WITH YOU IN PORTLAND. U.S. ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS DURING LAST YEAR HAD EASED STRONG CONCERN OF SOUTHEAST ASIA COUNTRIES ABOUT US INTENTIONS

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3. FUKUDA WELL RECEIVED ON CAPITOL HILL BY BOTH HOUSES. PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD AND PRESENTATION OF MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO HUMPHREY FOUNDATION HELPED SET WARM TONE. LEADING SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, ON BEST CONFIDENTIAL

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4. OVERALL ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT SO FAR FRIENDLY AND QUITE SPECIAL. PORTLAND STOP WAS PLEASURE BOTH FOR FUKUDA AND LOCAL POLITICIANS WHO GAINED POINTS WITH ELECTORATES FOR RAISING TIMBER PRODUCTS ISSUES WITH USHIBA. OREGON PRESS COVERAGE GENEROUS AND POSITIVE. VANCE

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